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Mr. Wayne Maxey
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Dear Mr. Maxey

This is in response to your March 27, 2003, letter on behalf of The Boeing Company (Boeing) in reference to the expiration date of Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 89. SFAR No. 89 currently provides relief for certain Boeing aircraft from the parameter resolution requirements for digital flight data recorders as written in appendix M to part 121 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR). SFAR No. 89, as correctly noted in your letter, will expire on August 18, 2003. Your letter specifically seeks the FAA's advice on whether or not to submit a request for an extension of SFAR No. 89 to permit continued operation of the aircraft currently relieved by SFAR No. 89.

The FAA currently has rulemaking underway that addresses the resolution requirements relieved under SFAR No. 89. The progress of this rulemaking and documents associated with it can be found in Docket No. FAA-2001-10428.

Due to this rulemaking effort and the intention of the FAA to complete work by the August 18, 2003, deadline, it is not necessary for Boeing to submit a request for an extension of SFAR No. 89.

Thank you for your inquiry, and if you have any additional questions, please call (202) 267-7625.

Sincerely,

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